

The Agriculture Department have supplied insecticides and disinfectants namely demacron, rogar, heksadrin, paitarla Querma, etc., costing Rs. 7,763.29 to ryots at 50 per cent concessional rates through taluk agricultural Marketing Co-operative Society, T. Narasipur and got it sprayed through Development Board to paddy crops in about 7000 acres. Generally, once in 2-3 years, whenever there is similar type of climatic condition and where nitrogenous manures have been used in large quantities, this disease has appeared in certain cases in large scale. Whenever the ryots have sprayed the copper-sulphate mixture 2-3 times as precautionary measure, this disease has been prevented. As the said 'S. R. 266' crop is greatly affected by the said disease we are giving publicity not to grow the said crop and instead of this to grow 'I. R. 8' and 'T. N. 1' varieties which give more yield. There would have been more loss of the abovesaid precautionary measures had not been taken.

Murders in the State

403. Sri D. M. SIDDIAH (Biligere).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of murders committed in the State during the last six years ;

(b) the measures the Government has taken to lessen the crimes in the States with particular reference to the murders of persons ;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that motive behind such murders is political in addition to other reasons ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(a) The total number of murders committed in the State during the last six years is as follows :

1964	...	...	703
1965	...	...	757
1966	...	...	753
1967	...	...	680
1968	...	...	739
1969 (up to 31-10-69)	...	...	613

(b) The Police Department has been taking all necessary measures to bring down the crimes in the State in general and the murders in particular. Some of the measures taken by the Police are as follows :

- (1) Village visitation by Police Officers.
- (2) Regular and organised system of village beats.
- (3) Frequent checking of K. Ds. and bad characters.
- (4) Booking of suspicious strangers under Security sections